

## METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: May 10, 2004

CALL TO ORDER: 5:32 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:56 p.m.

### ATTENDANCE

#### ATTENDING MEMBERS

Steve Talley  
Ron Gibson  
Rebecca Langsford  
Jackie Nytes  
Marilyn Pfisterer  
Mike Speedy

#### ABSENT

Angela Mansfield

### AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 104, 2004 – appoints Bob Kennedy to the Metropolitan  
Development Commission  
“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 209, 2004 – appoints Steven Badger to the Metropolitan Board of  
Zoning Appeals, Division 1  
“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

Budget Hearing  
County Surveyor  
County Recorder  
Department of Metropolitan Development

## **Metropolitan Development Committee**

The Metropolitan Development Committee of the City County Council met on Monday, May 10, 2004. Chairman Steve Talley called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. with the following members present: Rebecca Langsford, Marilyn Pfisterer, and Mike Speedy. Arriving shortly thereafter was Jackie Nytes. Angela Mansfield was absent.

### PROPOSAL NO. 104, 2004 – appoints Bob Kennedy to the Metropolitan Development Commission

Councillor Pfisterer asked if his status as a Republican changed. Kennedy did confirm he voted in the Republican primary. Councillor Nytes and Councillor Gibson extended their appreciation to Mr. Kennedy for volunteering to be on the Commission.

Reverend Pamela M. Pinkney, citizen, asked what Mr. Kennedy's vision for diversity was and what impact he will have on the community. Chair Talley recognized her concerns and also responded these are not concerns to do with this position and do not have to be addressed.

Norman Pace, Land Use Chairman of Marion County Alliance Neighborhood Associations (MCCANA), addressed his concerns of having the appropriate person on the Metropolitan Development Commission because Mr. Kennedy has an architectural background he is concerned he is not pro-neighborhood. Chair Talley addressed Mr. Pace's concerns by explaining that all decisions are made by educated people on the Metropolitan Development Commission. Councillor Gibson added his support for MCANA and how economic development is important and the need for balance. Councillor Speedy added that Mr. Kennedy's Resume shows there is a need for pro-design not pro-building. Mr. Kennedy replied that he encourages development of businesses that provide service. He wants Indianapolis to be a place where people want to live.

Councillor Nytes moved, seconded by Councillor Gibson to send Proposal No.104, 2004 to the full council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

### PROPOSAL NO. 209, 2004 – appoints Steven Badger to the Metropolitan Board of Zoning Appeals, Division 1

Mr. Badger told a little bit about himself at the request of Chair Talley. Mr. Badger is a lawyer at Turner and Turner and was formerly on the Metropolitan Board of Zoning Appeals, Division III and really enjoyed serving on it.

Rev. Pinkney asked about his profession. Chair Talley answered that Mr. Badger has no conflicts with his private practice. Mr. Badger added that when a client comes before the board he recuses himself. Rev. Pinkney asked what assets of his profession he can contribute to this board. Mr. Badger said he deals with statutes in his law practice very often.

Mr. Pace endorsed Mr. Badger.

Budget Hearing  
County Surveyor

Chair Talley asked Jack Irwin, County Surveyor, if there historically is any overspending in the Surveyor's office and Mr. Irwin replied there has not been any in the last 26 years.

Chair Talley asks how many full time equivalents (FTE) are in the Surveyor's office. Mr. Irwin replied that there are ten.

Councillor Pfisterer asked if Character 03, line 359 (See exhibit A), which is the Building Rent and Building Security in the amount of \$25,761, was paid all at once. Marty Womacks, Marion County Auditor, replied that amount is encumbered for the year.

Councillor Nytes asked if there are any future projects planned. Mr. Irwin replied there were not any scheduled.

Councillor Nytes asked if there is any place in the budget where the Surveyor's Department can make any changes or cuts. Mr. Irwin replied that he cannot think of anything he could cut. His office currently has two less FTEs than when he started there 26 years ago. He did suggest that other city agencies could use the services the Surveyor's office provides more, since there are no charges to the City. He said they could not handle a huge project.

Councillor Nytes asked if the Surveyor's Office used City Purchasing and Mr. Irwin replied he will start using it. Councillor Nytes explained the process and benefits of City purchasing. Mr. Irwin replied that a lot of the items ordered in the Surveyor's office are special items, but he will work with purchasing in the future.

Chair Talley asked if the Surveyor's office rents any space and Mr. Irwin replied that he uses a rental location for equipment.

Councillor Gibson asked if the Surveyor's office has a Perpetuation Fund. Mr. Irwin replied it is well over \$200,000. Councillor Gibson asked if the Surveyor's office has any plans for using the Perpetuation Fund. Mr. Irwin replied that it is already being used, for example on the Indianapolis Metropolitan Area Geographical Information System (IMAGIS) program.

Budget Hearing  
County Recorder

Chair Talley asked Wanda Martin, County Recorder, what is the amount in the Perpetuation Fund. Ms. Martin answered that it is approximately \$6,000,000 of which some of the money will be used for the new records system.

Councillor Nytes asked over what period of time the \$6,000,000 has accumulated. Ms. Martin replied 15 to 16 years. Councillor Nytes asked what will be the increase in fund balance at this year. Ms Martin replied \$1,500,000 and the appropriation is \$1,200,000. Councillor Nytes asked what the net gain is and Ms. Martin replied \$300,000 which is

based on user fees and has a lot to do with interest rate.

Councillor Pfisterer asked if the Perpetuation Fund will deplete more rapidly. Ms Martin answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Gibson asked how often contracts are negotiated. Mike Koerner, Project Manager, gave information on each contract. (See exhibit B.)

Councillor Gibson asked if the Recorder's office was using City Purchasing. Ms. Martin replied the Recorder's office is not using city purchasing.

Councillor Nytes asked what is unique to Turner Main Frame. Mr. Martin replied it is the software that is used.

Councilor Nytes asked why the staff turnover was so low. Ms. Martin confirmed it is low and said it might be because she is able to pay some Character 01 employees additional money from the Perpetuation Fund.

Chair Talley stated that this department once had the highest turnover and now it is the least.

Councillor Nytes asked if the amount budgeted for Capital outlay \$407,352 will be spent. Ms Martin said no it is for the Perpetuation Fund.

Budget Hearing  
Department of Metropolitan Development

Maury Plambeck, Director, Department of Metropolitan of Development, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) (See exhibit C.)

Councillor Pfisterer complimented the Metropolitan Development Department on translating a brochure to Spanish.

Councillor Speedy asked about contracts. Mr. Plambeck answered that there are grants, federal money, and the DMD works with City Purchasing. Councillor Speedy asked if the contracts were year-to-year. Mr. Plambeck said these contracts were not negotiated. The Building Authority ease was negotiated.

Councillor Speedy asked about the relationship of Indianapolis Downtown Inc. (IDI) and Indy Partnership. Mr. Plambeck answered that these organizations are important to the economic development of the City Councillor Speedy asked if there was an overseer of these contracts. Mr. Plambeck answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Speedy asked about the parking lot. Margaret Lawrence Banning, Administrator of Economic Development/Real Estate Division, said that a building will be

constructed to replace the parking lot at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Senate.

Councillor Speedy asked about the surface and construction costs. Bart Brown, Deputy City Controller, added this will not be paid from taxes.

Councillor Speedy asked about the costs labeled on page four. (See exhibit D.) Mr. Plambeck answered that these costs are for training, janitorial services and draining review. Rick Powers, administrator of the Permits Division said the contracts were based on hourly services provided.

Councillor Speedy asked about the specific contracts listed in Exhibit D. Mr. Powers replied these are for engineering and architectural review.

Barbara Lawrence, City Controller said that this is a required third-party technical review for people applying for construction permits. Mr. Plambeck added that DMD takes care of all permits.

Councillor Nytes commented that it is interesting to see how many contracts are sent out.

Chair Talley asked for the number of FTEs in DMD. Mr. Plambeck answered that there are 250 FTEs and 12 are currently vacant.

Councillor Nytes asked if there could be changes to this budget. Mr. Plambeck replied that there could be sufficient changes. Ms. Lawrence added these changes will be announced in the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Talley, Chairman  
Metropolitan Development Committee